

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 14, 2004, the Examiner stated that claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

On January 10, 2005, Applicant's counsel, Ms. Ingrid McTaggart, and Examiner Leonard Liang conducted a telephone conference in which the application was discussed. In that telephone conference Applicants' counsel stated that a Preliminary Amendment in the application was submitted on July 17, 2003, but that the Preliminary Amendment appears to not have been entered. The Examiner checked his records in the application and stated that the Preliminary Amendment appears to have been misplaced and not entered. The Examiner requested Applicants to submit this response and request that the Preliminary Amendment be entered. The Examiner stated that the next Office Action will be based on an examination of the application as amended by the Preliminary Amendment, and that such a subsequent Office Action will not be a Final Action.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Preliminary Amendment submitted to the Patent Office on July 17, 2003, be entered in the application. Applicants submit herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment as filed on July 17, 2003. In the Preliminary Amendment claims 1-30 have been canceled. New claims 31-41 have been added. Claims 31, 35, 37 and 40 are in independent form. No fees are due.

Conclusion

Claims 31-41 are believed to be in condition for examination and Applicants respectfully request the same. If the Examiner should have any questions regarding these

amendments, a call to Applicants' counsel, Ms. Ingrid M. McTaggart at (503) 230-7934, is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any other questions regarding the above referenced application, a call to Applicants' counsel Mr. Bob Wasson at (360) 212-2338, is respectfully requested.

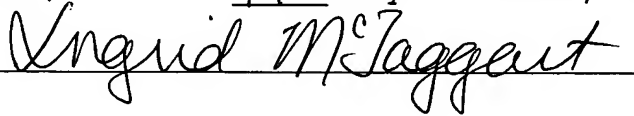
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